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A case of smallpox at the marine hospital, Boston, Mass.

BOSTON, MASS. (*Chelsea Station*), May 11, 1901.

SIR: I have the honor to inform you that Seaman Edward Franks was admitted to this hospital on the evening of May 9, and it was discovered on the following morning that he was suffering from smallpox. The patient came from a tug named *Standard Oil Company, No. 7*, plying between this port and New York. All proper precautions have been taken; the patient placed in the isolation hospital; a special nurse hired to attend him, and all necessary fumigation and sterilization carried out, formaldehyd being the disinfectant used.

The board of health of Boston has been notified and the vessel will be fumigated.

Respectfully,

FAIRFAX IRWIN,
Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

Arrival at Reedy Island Quarantine of vessels from West Indian and Mexican ports.

REEDY ISLAND QUARANTINE,
via Port Penn, Del., May 5, 1901.

SIR: Through the medical officer in command national quarantine service on Delaware Bay and River, I have the honor to report the arrival at this station of the following vessels: April 28, 1901, Norwegian steamship *Vignæs*, from Gibara and Sama, with fruit; no passengers; bill of health signed by Acting Asst. Surg. S. Gomez. May 1, 1901, British steamship *Straits of Dover*, from Cieufuegos, via Sagua and Matanzas; no passengers; Cieufuegos bill of health signed by Asst. Surg. T. D. Berry; Sagua bill of health signed by Asst. Surg. Pedro Garcia Riera; Matanzas bill of health signed by P. A. Surg. G. M. Guitéras. May 3, 1901, Norwegian steamship *Alfred Dumois*, from Gibara and Sama, with fruit; bill of health signed by Acting Asst. Surg. S. Gomez. May 4, 1901, Norwegian steamship *Tyr*, from Tampico, via Caibarien, with sugar; no passengers; Tampico bill of health signed by Neill E. Pressly, vice-consul; Caibarien bill of health signed by Acting Asst. Surg. Leoncio Junco.

Respectfully,

T. F. RICHARDSON,
Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S., In Command.

Reports from the Mexican border.

El Paso, Tex., May 4, 1901—Inspection service.—I have the honor to submit the following summary of work at this station the week ended May 4, 1901: Inspection Mexican Central Railroad passengers, 209; inspection Rio Grande and Pacific Railroad passengers, 29; inspection immigrants, 77; disinfection soiled lined imported for laundry, 414 pieces; disinfection soiled Pullman linen, 141 pieces; vaccination immigrants and children, 26.

E. ALEXANDER,
Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

Laredo, Tex., May 2, 1901—Inspection service.—I have the honor to submit following report for week ended April 27, 1901: Number of passenger trains from Mexico inspected, 14; persons inspected on passenger trains from Mexico, 450; immigrants inspected and entered, 34; immigrants vaccinated, 12.

April 25, placed in quarantine a family of 5 persons, Americans. They left San Juan Bautista, Yucatan Peninsula, on April 20, and came via Vera Cruz and City of Mexico. Disinfected their baggage, consisting of 3 trunks and 2 large valises, also 2 bundles of clothes. Linen of Pullman sleeper running to Mexico disinfected, 3,819 pieces.

H. J. HAMILTON,
Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

Statistical reports of States and cities of the United States—Yearly and monthly.

ILLINOIS—*Chicago*.—Month of March, 1901. Census population, 1,698,575. Total number of deaths, 1,958, including diphtheria, 37; enteric fever, 15; measles, 4; scarlet fever, 14; whooping cough, 23, and 259 from tuberculosis.

Springfield.—Month of April, 1901. Estimated population, 35,000. Total number of deaths, 55, including scarlet fever, 1, and 8 from phthisis pulmonalis.

INDIANA—*Evansville*.—Month of April, 1901. Census population, 59,007. Total number of deaths, 60, including diphtheria, 1; enteric fever, 2; whooping cough, 1, and 10 from phthisis pulmonalis.

MARYLAND—*Baltimore*.—Month of April, 1901. Estimated population, 541,000—white, 463,000; colored, 78,000. Total number of deaths, 784—white, 569; colored, 215—including diphtheria, 9; enteric fever, 7; whooping cough, 2, and 123 from tuberculosis.

MASSACHUSETTS—*Lynn*.—Month of March, 1901. Census population, 68,513. Total number of deaths, 88, including diphtheria, 2; scarlet fever, 1, and 16 from tuberculosis.

MICHIGAN.—Reports to the State board of health, Lansing, for the week ended April 27, 1901, from 76 observers indicate that inflammation of bowels, measles, scarlet fever, and whooping cough were more prevalent, and diphtheria, erysipelas, enteric fever, influenza, and inflammation of kidney less prevalent than in the preceding week.

Cerebro-spinal meningitis was reported present at 6, whooping cough at 13, diphtheria at 23, enteric fever at 30, measles at 35, scarlet fever at 81, phthisis pulmonalis at 202, and smallpox at 109 places.

MISSISSIPPI—*Biloxi*.—Month of March, 1901. Estimated population, 6,000. Total number of deaths, 7, including 1 from enteric fever.

Month of April, 1901. Total number of deaths, 5. No deaths from contagious diseases.

NEW YORK—*Auburn*.—Month of April, 1901. Census population, 30,345. Total number of deaths, 37, including enteric fever, 1, and 6 from phthisis pulmonalis.

Saratoga Springs.—Month of April, 1901. Census population, 12,400. Total number of deaths, 28, including 3 from tuberculosis.

NORTH CAROLINA—*Charlotte*.—Month of April, 1901. Estimated population, 30,000. Total number of deaths, 29, including smallpox, 1, and 4 from phthisis pulmonalis.

OHIO—*East Liverpool*.—Month of April, 1901. Census population, 16,486. Total number of deaths, 13, including enteric fever, 2, and 1 from tuberculosis.

Toledo.—Month of March, 1901. Estimated population, 150,000. Total number of deaths, 164, including diphtheria, 5; enteric fever, 3; scarlet fever, 4, and 19 from tuberculosis.